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In drawing up the following report on the Administration of Criminal Justice in Assam, the plan adopted in preparing that for 1879 has been adhered to. The forms of statements appended to this report are similar to those appended to the report for 1879, except that it has been decided to exhibit this year, separately, against Courts of Session the cases referred to them by District Magistrates for orders under Section 507 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

In the current year the district officers have generally submitted their reports and returns with commendable punctuality.

The careful manner in which many of the latter have been drawn up is also creditable to several officers, to whom the acknowledgments of the High Court have been communicated.

Area and population. *See Statement 1.*

No alteration has been made of the figures for area given in the report for the preceding year, but owing to the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet having re-estimated the population of that district during the year under report, the population of the whole tract is now shown to be 3,838,676 souls, or 10,763 in excess of the number shown in the report for 1879.

Judicial Divisions.

The territory to which this report relates is divided, as heretofore, into two Sessions divisions: one comprising the six districts in the Assam Valley, and the other, the two districts in the Soorma Valley.

I.—THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

Sessions Judges. District Magistrates.

As at the close of the previous year, there were 2 Sessions Judges and 8 District Magistrates (Deputy Commissioners) employed at the close of 1880. With the exception of the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet, all the District Magistrates exercised the special powers described in Section 36 of Act X of 1872.

Magistrates.

The number of Magistrates employed in Assam at the close of 1879 and 1880 was as follows:—

	Stipendiary.		Honorary.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Assam Valley Districts	32	33	25	24
Sylhet and Cachar	17	14	...	4
	49	47	25	28

Strength of staff of Magistrates.

It will be observed that the staff of Stipendiary Magistrates in Sylhet and Cachar was not so strong at the close of the past year as at the close of 1879; but the strength was somewhat augmented by the employment during the year under report of 4 Honorary Magistrates. Of these, 2 were Special Magistrates employed in Cachar (1 of whom, however, did no criminal work during the year), and 2 were Honorary Magistrates employed in Sylhet. In the latter district, the Deputy Commissioner reports that the practice of making over petty cases to respectable gentlemen for enquiry under Section 146 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was attended with satisfactory results.

Stipendiary Magistrates.

Of the 47 Stipendiary Magistrates, 32 exercised first class, 12 second class, and 3 third class powers.

Honorary Magistrates

In Nowgong there were 9 Honorary Magistrates employed during the year, but 1 of these, the Deputy Commissioner reports, was convicted in a criminal case and deprived of his powers; and, of the remaining 8, 6 did no criminal work during the year. The 2 Honorary Magistrates employed in Sylhet were the first of this class of officers introduced into that district. They, however, did very little judicial work during the year.

Benches of Magistrates.

No Benches of Magistrates have yet been constituted in Assam.

II.—CRIME RETURNS.

Offences reported and cases rejected.

See Tables A & B.

Tables A and B appended to this report show the number of offences reported, of cases rejected or struck off as false, and of cases accepted as true. The general results for the years 1879 and 1880 were as follows :—

	Offences reported.	Rejected and struck off as false.	Accepted as true.
1879	23,681	7,556	16,125
1880	24,046	8,979	15,070

No material improvement is observed in the ratio of cases rejected or treated as false when compared with the figures for 1879.

The most noticeable increase in the number of offences reported is in the districts of Kamroop and Lukhimpore. No special reason is assigned in the district reports for this increase. The only district where the decrease in the number of offences reported is remarkable is Sylhet; a result which the Deputy Commissioner attributes to the low prices of food. In the other districts the fluctuation in the number of offences reported during the past two years is immaterial, and calls for no comment.

False cases.

The percentage of the number of cases reported which were rejected or struck off as false was 37·3 in the past as compared with 31·9 in the previous year. Details for the past two years are given below :—

	Complaints rejected	Cases struck off as false.
1879	5,312	2,244
1880	6,643	2,336

The districts in which the largest proportion of cases was rejected were Kamroop and Sibsagor. The Deputy Commissioner of the latter district reports that the increase was due to the greater care taken by Magistrates in examining complainants, and to judicious use being made of Section 147 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Cases accepted as true.

Of all the cases reported, 62 per cent. were accepted as true in the past year as compared with 68 per cent. in the previous year.

Details of cases returned as true, and of persons convicted.

The following statement shows in detail the number of cases returned as true, and of persons convicted during the past three years :—

	Cases returned as true.			Persons convicted.		
	1878.	1879.	1880.	1878.	1879.	1880.
Offences under the Penal Code . . .	13,717	13,016	11,644	7,127	7,483	7,451
Offences against special and local laws . .	2,188	3,109	3,426	2,210	2,712	3,399
TOTAL .	15,905	16,125	15,070	9,337	10,195	10,850

It will be observed that while there has been a steady decrease during the last three years in crime under the Penal Code, there has been a corresponding increase in respect of offences under special and local laws. The decrease referred to above is most noticeable in respect of offences against property. On the other hand, offences affecting the human body have risen from 7,959 in 1879 to 8,363 in the past year.

Details for each district

Tables C and D give details for each district and exhibit the number of true cases and of persons convicted under each head of crime for each of the past two years. *See Tables C & D*

The difference in the figures for these two years is most marked in respect of offences under Chapters VIII, XIV and XV, XVI, XVII and XVIII to XXII of the Penal Code, and in respect of offences against special and local laws. The figures against the other chapters of the Penal Code for the past two years vary very slightly, and call for no remark.

Offences under Chapter VIII, Indian Penal Code.

The number of offences against the public tranquillity increased greatly in Kamroop, Sylhet, and Cachar. The Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet attributes this increase partly to less frequent recourse being had during the year by the Magistrates of the district to precautionary measures under Chapter XXXVII of the Code of Criminal Procedure. In other districts the figures for the two years are almost stationary.

Offences under Chapters XIV and XV

The number of offences against public health, &c., and religion fell off greatly in Nowgong and Durrung during the past year. This diminution has not been accounted for. In Lukhimpore, however, offences under Chapters XIV and XV of the Penal Code rose from 5 in 1879 to 12 in 1880.

Offences under Chapter XVI.

With respect to offences against the human body, 8,363 are returned as reported during 1880 as compared with 7,959 reported in the previous year. The districts where the increase is most marked are Kamroop, Lukhimpore, and Cachar. The Deputy Commissioner of Kamroop reports, however, that the bulk of the offences under Chapter XVI reported, were of a petty character; and that it is possible that, as 1880 was generally a more healthy year than 1879, people came more freely to Court to prosecute petty charges. The increase in offences under this chapter was generally distributed among the several districts; Sylhet being the only district in which the number reported in the past year was considerably (252) less than the number reported in the preceding year. In this district, however, the result of the trials under this chapter compares favourably with that obtained in 1879: 1,084 persons being convicted during the past as compared with 981 in the previous year.

Offences under Chapter XVII

A material decrease in the number of offences under Chapter XVII of the Code is observable, more especially in the districts of Goalpara, Sylhet and Cachar. In Kamroop and Lukhimpore these offences have increased from 960 and 535 respectively in 1879, to 1,086 and 662 in 1880.

Offences under Chapters XVIII to XXII

The only district in which offences under these chapters have decreased to any extent was Sylhet. Of the offences of this class reported in Lukhimpore, 50·9 per cent. only were rejected or declared to be false in the past, as compared with 68·8 per cent. so dealt with in the preceding year. But the Deputy Commissioner considers this to be still a large proportion. He accounts for the decrease by stating that complaints have apparently been thoroughly sifted by the Magistrates before issue of process, and he draws the conclusion that, as there were no applications made during the year for revision of any proceedings in complaints under these chapters, no hardship was caused to the people at large.

Offences under Special Laws

The increase of offences under special and local laws was not so great in 1880 as it was found to be in 1879. The districts, however, where a marked increase appears are Cachar, Sylhet, and Nowgong. In Cachar the increase was chiefly in respect of breaches of the Stamp and Police Acts; and of offences under Chapter XXXVII of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Against the Stamp Act, 136 offences were recorded in 1880; whereas in the previous year there were no prosecutions under this Act. Seventy-one offences against the Police Act were reported in 1880 against 23 in 1879, and the number of cases under Chapter XXXVII of the Code of Criminal Procedure is shown to be 98 in 1880 as compared with 5 only in the previous year. The Deputy Commissioner remarks that the majority of cases disposed of under the Stamp Act were instituted against persons who neglected to affix receipt-stamps to receipts for

sums in excess of Rs. 20; and that the increase of cases under the Police Act (V of 1861) was mainly due to the more rigorous enforcement of the sanitary provisions of Clause 5, Section 34 of the Act. In Nowgong offences under the Arms Act (XI of 1878) and under the Opium Act (I of 1879) were most conspicuous. The greater number of the prosecutions under the former is reported to be against persons who failed at the close of the year to renew their licenses for the possession of firearms. All the prosecutions in Nowgong under the opium laws were disposed of under Section 9, and were chiefly against unlicensed vendors of opium; and for the non-observance of the rules for exhibiting signboards and for keeping accounts of the daily sales of the drug.

Chief heads of crime.

The statement below shows the number of cases accepted as true and the number of persons convicted under some of the chief heads of crime in each of the past two years :—

Heads of Crime.	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
3, 4, 5. Offences affecting public tranquillity	283	419	1,062	1,237
9. False evidence	56	73	50	53
15. Offences affecting public safety	42	37	37	30
19. Murder	41	29	11	17
21. Culpable homicide	25	28	20	16
30. Serious hurt	46	55	64	40
31, 34. Simple hurt and assault	4,682	4,307	2,182	2,382
26, 27. Causing miscarriage	39	23	..	4
40. Rape	21	20	4	5
42, 43. Theft	2,654	2,174	1,322	1,277
52. Dacoity	7	7	19	.
44, 47. Robbery and extortion	9	7	7	..
60, 61. House trespass and burglary	730	784	168	90
58. Mischief (serious)	215	147	86	40
70. Offences relating to marriage	430	264	45	35

Murder.

In the following districts cases of murder were most numerous during the past year :—

	Cases retuned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Kamroop	3	2	...	4
Durrung	1	4	1	3
Sibsagor	3	3	2	3
Sylhet	21	14	4	5
	28	23	7	15

In Sylhet 18 persons were under trial during the year on charges of murder, but of these 5 only were convicted, 1 by the High Court, in whose case a sentence of death was passed, and the others by the Court of Session. Of the remainder, 1 person was acquitted by the High Court, 3 by the Lower Courts, and the cases of 9 were pending trial at the close of 1880.

Dacoity.

In none of the cases of dacoity which came before the Criminal Courts during the year were the accused convicted.

Culpable homicide

Cases of culpable homicide are reported to have been most numerous in the districts of Sylhet, Lukhimpore, and Cachar.

In Sylhet and Cachar the largest number of cases of house trespass are recorded. House trespass.

Prosecutions under Sections 493 to 498 of the Code appear to meet with very little success in Assam: 21·6 per cent. only of the persons whose cases were decided during the year having been convicted. In Sylhet, however, the result obtained (32·2 per cent. convicted) was better than that obtained in any of the other districts. In 1879, 22 per cent. of the persons charged under these sections were convicted. Offences relating to marriage.

The following are the principal Special Laws, breaches of the provisions of which occurred during the past two years:— Special Laws.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Workmen's Act	854	680	517	515
Emigration Act	461	319	535	890
Cattle Trespass Act	450	469	277	226
Abkari Act	152	73	176	103
Municipal Acts	212	232	183	325
Police Acts	235	281	267	356

A decrease appears in the number of prosecutions under the Workmen's, Emigration, and Abkari Acts, but no explanation of this result is to be found in the district reports.

In Table F will be found the number of miscellaneous proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure dealt with during 1880. Miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure. *See Statement 3 and Table F.*

The number of cases dealt with, and of persons required to give security under Chapters XXXVII and XXXVIII of the Code during the past two years, was as follows:— Chapters XXXVII and XXXVIII.

	Cases dealt with.		Persons convicted.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Chapter XXXVII, security for keeping the peace	514	224	464	348
Chapter XXXVIII, security for good behaviour	203	99	89	65

Of the persons required to give security to keep the peace, 9 are reported from the Assam Valley Districts. Of the remainder, 209 are reported from Sylhet and 130 from Cachar; and of the latter, 34 having been convicted of offences under the Penal Code were, in addition to the punishments to which they were sentenced under that Code, made subject to the provisions of Section 489 of Act X of 1872.

Sixteen persons were required to give security for good behaviour in the Assam Valley Districts, and 17 in Cachar. In Sylhet security was required from 32 persons, or 14 less than the number recorded in 1879. On this point the Deputy Commissioner states that the provisions of the chapter were more sparingly put in force during 1880 than during the previous year. This he considers satisfactory, on the assumption that the Police were not less active

during the year than during the previous year in looking after notorious bad characters. He adds that in many cases the initiative was taken by the villagers themselves, and that caution is necessary in dealing with such cases, as they often arise out of private disputes. The number of persons who were imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour was 38; Sylhet returning 31, Durrung 3, and the districts of Kamroop and Goalpara 2 each. The terms of imprisonment were for periods not exceeding one year.

Chapter XXXIX. During the year under review proceedings for the suppression of nuisances were taken in 110 cases. The orders passed were favourable to the defendants in the case of 113 of the persons proceeded against, and unfavourable in the case of 148 persons. The districts in which proceedings under Chapter XXXIX were most frequent are Sylhet, Cachar, and Nowgong.

Chapter XL. Orders under Chapter XL, Code of Criminal Procedure, were passed in 14 cases in the Assam Valley Districts, in 11 cases in Sylhet, and in 10 cases in Cachar.

Chapter XLI. In cases under Chapter XLI, 53 persons were discharged and 55 required to pay maintenance. These cases appear to be most frequent in Sylhet, Lukhimpore, and Sibsagor.

Chapter XXVI. Proceedings against witnesses were taken in only two instances, in both of which orders of acquittal were passed. No such proceedings were reported in 1879.

Chapter XXIX. The cases of 22 jurors and assessors were dealt with under Section 414, Chapter XXIX of the Code, during 1880 as compared with 4 in the previous year. In Sylhet the largest number (18) of jurors or assessors proceeded against is recorded.

Results of trials in all Courts. *See Tables A1. & B1.* The general result of criminal trials is given in the following table, and exhibits a slight improvement on the returns of 1879:—

	1879.	1880.
Acquitted or discharged	5,463	4,862
Convicted	10,195	10,850
Percentage convicted	65	69

From Table A1 it will be observed that a greater proportion of convictions is obtained under Chapters XIV and XV of the Penal Code and under Special Laws. Under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Penal Code the proportion of convictions obtained (46 per cent.) is not very satisfactory; but it is an improvement on the proportion obtained in 1879.

From Table B1 it appears that the district where the proportion of acquittals was least (24 per cent.) was Cachar, and where it was greatest (39 per cent.) was Lukhimpore. These results are satisfactory.

BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

III.—THE HIGH COURT.

No cases were committed by the Criminal Courts in Assam in the past year to the High Court on its Original Side.

IV.—COURTS OF SESSION.

Number of cases. *See Table E* The number of cases (including references under Section 36 of the Code of Criminal Procedure) brought to trial, decided and pending in the Courts of Session during 1879 and 1880, is given below:—

	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1879	147	154	10
1880	116	104	19

The decrease was chiefly in Sylhet and Cachar, while in the Assam Valley Districts the commitments by the Magistrates of Lukhimpore increased from 3 in 1879 to 10 in the past year.

Only 5 cases were referred to Sessions Judges during the past year by Deputy Commissioners under Section 36 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, against 16 referred in the previous year. References under Section 36, Criminal Procedure Code. *See Statement 4*

The districts from which these 5 references were received were Goalpara (2), Lukhimpore (2), and Nowgong (1).

The average duration of cases of persons committed and of trials referred under Section 36 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, decided by the Courts of Session in Assam for the past two years, is given below :— Duration of cases disposed of

	Average number of days during which each case lasted,					
	Assam Valley Districts.		Sylhet.		Cachar.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Cases of persons committed	42·1	36·7	48·8	50·2	80·3	48·3
Cases referred under Section 36, Criminal Procedure Code.	15·5	7·8	...	...	10·1	18·0

In Cachar the Sessions trials were not so protracted in 1880 as they were in the previous year. As regards the Courts in the Assam Valley Districts, more satisfactory figures would have been recorded had it not been for a case in Nowgong which remained on the file for so long a period as 68 days. In Sibsagor cases appear to have been disposed of with the greatest expedition, 23·7 days being recorded as the average duration of each case.

At the end of 1879, 12 persons were under trial, the cases of 229 persons were received on commitment or reference during the past year, and the case of 1 person was received back from the High Court for re-trial. There were therefore 242 persons under trial in the Courts of Session during 1880. Of these, 3 died or escaped, 188 were tried, and the cases of 51 persons were pending trial at the close of the year. Number of persons committed.

The result of trials in each of the past two years is given below :— Results of trials as affecting persons *See Table G*

	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Referred.
1879	172	137	7
1880	61	120	7

Including the cases of those on whom sentence of death was passed subject to confirmation by the High Court, the ratio of convictions was 67 per cent. in the past as compared with 45·5 per cent. in the previous year. The percentage was particularly good (100 per cent.) in respect of the commitments from Nowgong. The result of commitments from Goalpara (41 per cent. convicted) and Lukhimpore (45 per cent.) is not satisfactory. Convictions.

Notwithstanding that the number of commitments to the Sessions Court at Sylhet and Cachar in the past year was less, and that the results of trials were more satisfactory (71·8 per cent. being shown as convicted in 1880 as compared with 41·9 per cent. in 1879) than in the previous year, the Sessions Judge considers that there was no improvement in 1880 in the preparation of cases for trial by the Courts of Session, and makes certain suggestions for the supervision of proceedings taken by Magistrates before order of commitment is passed, which are not approved by the High Court.

From Annual Statement 7 it will be observed that 23 cases were tried by Jury in the Sessions Courts of the Assam Valley Districts. In 3 of these the Sessions Judge disapproved of the verdicts recorded. Jury trials. *See Statement 7.*

The number of cases tried with the assistance of Assessors was 65 in the past as compared with 100 in the previous year. In 51 cases in the past year the Judge concurred in the opinions given by the Assessors, in 9 cases he differed from the opinions of one, and in 5 cases from the opinions of both of the Assessors. Trials with Assessors.

Witnesses examined. *See Table J.*

Six hundred and ninety-nine witnesses were examined by the Courts of Session during 1880 as compared with 984 in the previous year.

Witnesses' expenses.

The amount of diet money, &c., paid to witnesses during the past year was Rs. 872 as compared with Rs. 1,572 in the previous year. This decrease is due to the smaller number of witnesses examined.

Detention of witnesses. *See Table K.*

Including the witnesses who were not examined, the total number before the Courts during the past year was 1,179. Of these, 1,027 were discharged on the first day, 106 on the second, 17 on the third, and 29 after the third day. These last were detained in the Courts at Goalpara and Kamroop, and the causes assigned for their prolonged detention are not unreasonable.

V.—COURTS OF MAGISTRATES.

Number of cases. *See Table E.*

The number of cases brought to trial, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of Magistrates, during each of the past two years, was as follows :—

	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1879	9,498	9,512	134
1880	9,821	9,789	159

The districts where the most marked increase is observable are Cachar (where 313 cases more than the number brought to trial in 1879 are reported), Lukhimpore, and Nowgong; and those where a decrease in the number of institutions appear are Sibsagor and Goalpara. The Deputy Commissioner of Sibsagor attributes the decrease to the prosperity of the people; while the Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara states that the decrease was owing to fluctuation of litigation, and that the careful examination into complaints, and the rejection of such as were of a civil nature also had a beneficial effect.

The number of cases decided last year was slightly in excess of the number tried during the previous year, but the files were not kept so clear of arrears as during that period; the number of cases decided not being equal to the number of new trials, and the number of cases pending at the close of 1880 being in consequence in excess of the number pending at the close of 1879.

Summary trials. *See Statement 4.*

The number of cases tried by the Magistrates is shown in the following statement :—

	1879.	1880.
Tried under ordinary powers	6,887	6,778
Tried summarily	2,625	3,011
TOTAL	9,512	9,789

The number of summary trials was 30·7 per cent. of the whole number of cases under trial in 1880 as compared with 27·6 per cent. in the preceding year.

Of the 3,011 summary trials held last year, 2,743 were held by Stipendiary Magistrates exercising 1st class powers, and the rest by the District Magistrates (Deputy Commissioners).

Disposal of cases.

The following statement shows the number of cases decided by the Courts of the several grades of Magistrates in the past as compared with the previous year :—

		1879.	1880.
Subordinate Magistrates . . .	Stipendiary	8,554	8,675
	Honorary	528	451
District and Divisional Magistrates	Cases referred under Section 46, Criminal Procedure Code.	33	10
Chief Magistrates of Districts .	Under ordinary powers . .	344	617
	Under special powers under Section 30	53	36

References under Section 36, Criminal Procedure Code.

Cases referred under Section 36 of the Code of Criminal Procedure have been distributed generally among all the districts except Sylhet, where, as stated elsewhere, the District Magistrate does not exercise those powers. Of 36 cases decided, 5 were referred during the year under report to the Sessions Court for confirmation of the higher sentences passed.

References under Section 46, Criminal Procedure Code

The number of cases dealt with by Magistrates having powers of the first class under Section 46 of the Code was only 10 in the past as compared with 33 in the previous year. The districts in which these trials were held were Goalpara (7), Nowgong (1), and Cachar (2).

Cases under Section 507, Criminal Procedure Code.

No cases were referred during the year by Magistrates for the orders of the Sessions Courts under Section 507 of the Code.

Average duration of cases.

The duration of cases disposed of by Magistrates of each class in each of the past two years is given in the following statement :—

	Average number of days each case lasted.					
	Assam Valley Districts		Sylhet.		Cachar	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880	1879.	1880.
Honorary Magistrates	5·6	4·2	.	9·2	.	6·8
Stipendiary Magistrates	3·9	5·4	10·9	10·9	7·3	6·5
District Magistrates	6·3	5·3	5·2	3·4	14·6	7·1

From the above it will be observed that, with the exception of the Stipendiary Magistrates of the Assam Valley Districts and of Sylhet, cases on the files of all Magistrates in Assam have been decided with greater rapidity in 1880 than they were in 1879. Taking, however, each district in the Assam Valley separately, the greatest delay occurred in the Courts of Stipendiary Magistrates in Goalpara and Kamroop, 14·5 and 8·4 days per case being recorded as the average duration in these districts. In 1879 the average duration of cases decided by the Magistrates of this class in the two districts named was 6·9 and 2·0 days respectively. The Honorary Magistrates of Goalpara also show some dilatoriness in disposing of cases before them in the past year, for an average of 19·5 days to each case is reported; but this is some improvement on the average duration (27·6 days) reported in 1879.

Number of persons under trial

The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of Magistrates was 16,096 in the past as compared with 15,974 in the previous year. Details are given below of the manner in which the persons brought to trial during 1880 appeared before the Court :—

Under arrest by Police	6,965
Upon warrant	1,894
On summons	5,932
Voluntarily	1,054

Omitting the number of persons who were committed to the Sessions, or whose cases were referred to a higher tribunal, the total number of persons whose cases were decided by Magistrates during 1880 was 15,526 as compared with 15,343 in 1879.

Results of trials as affecting persons. *See Table II.*

The results of trials in each of the years 1879 and 1880 are given below :—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.
1879	5,290	10,053	376
1880	4,800	10,726	244

Of the 15,526 persons who were acquitted, discharged or convicted in 1880, 69·08 per cent. were convicted as compared with 65·6 per cent. convicted in 1879. The districts in which the results were most satisfactory were Cachar (75· per cent.), and Kamroop, and Nowgong, in each of which 71 per cent.

were convicted. In Lukhimpore the returns are the most unsatisfactory, 61 per cent. only being recorded.

Mode of trial and sentence passed
See Statement 4.

The mode of trial and the sentence passed in the cases of the persons convicted are shown below :—

	On regular trial.	On summary trial
Appealable sentence passed	3,441	220
Non-appealable sentence passed	3,865	3,200
TOTAL . .	7,306	3,420

It will be observed from this that of the persons who were convicted on summary trial, only 6·4 per cent. had the right of appeal; whereas in the case of those who were convicted on regular trial, the ratio was 47·09 per cent.

The following were the classes of Courts holding the trials in which 3,420 persons were convicted summarily :—

	Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.
Stipendiary Magistrates with 1st class powers . .	194	2,864
District Magistrates	26	336
	220	3,200
	3,420	

The following statement shows the results of trials during the past two years before the Magistrates of each class :—

	Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.		Percentage convicted.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Honorary Magistrates . .	441	396	572	501	56·4	55·8
Stipendiary Magistrates . .	4,688	4,204	8,921	9,426	65·5	69·1
District Magistrates . . .	166	200	560	799	77·1	79·9

From the above it will be observed that there was a slight improvement in the results of trials before District and Stipendiary Magistrates. The districts where the result of trials by Honorary Magistrates was most satisfactory were Cachar (80·5 per cent. convicted) and Lukhimpore (74·3 per cent.) In Sibsagor only 46·3 per cent. were convicted, and in Durrung 47·8 per cent. The results in Sibsagor were, however, an improvement on the results obtained in 1879, when the percentage of persons who were convicted was reported to be only 37·2.

Pending Files.
See Table I.

The number of persons awaiting trial in the Magistrates' Courts at the close of 1880 was 303, of whom only one had been under trial for more than three months. The explanation given in regard to this one person is considered sufficient. Of the remaining 302 persons, 22 were under trial for more than one and less than two months as compared with 33 shown in the corresponding return

of 1879. The trial of 10 persons could not be terminated at the end of 1880, because the accused persons were unable from unsoundness of mind to make their defence.

Witnesses examined. *See Table J.*

The total number of witnesses examined was 39,315 in the past as compared with 37,412 in the preceding year. There is nothing in the details given in Table J calling for remark, beyond that a considerable decrease appears in the number of witnesses examined in Sylhet in 1880. The decrease is the more noticeable when it is considered that there was a slight increase in the number of cases disposed of.

Expenses of witnesses. *See Table J.*

The amount paid to witnesses as expenses during 1880 was Rs. 437, or nearly half the amount reported to have been expended during 1879. In Lukhimpore an unaccountable decrease of from Rs. 469 in 1879 to Rs. 57 in 1880 is recorded. This decrease is the more remarkable when it appears that 854 witnesses more than the number examined in 1879 were examined in the past year. The Deputy Commissioner of Cachar, however, on commenting on his return of expenses paid to witnesses, says that application is seldom made for the payment of expenses of witnesses, the usual practice in the district being that each side pays some sum or other to each one of its witnesses. This may be regarded either as a reward for taking the trouble to come and give evidence, or as payment of expenses incurred in so doing. From the above it will be observed that the figures given in the district returns do not represent the actual amount of expenses paid away to witnesses, and that therefore no comparison can be made of the figures of different years.

Detention of witnesses. *See Table K.*

Of the witnesses who appeared in 1880 in the Courts of Magistrates, 41,437 were discharged on the first day, 4,934 on the second, 915 on the third, and 163 witnesses were not allowed to leave until after the third day. In Sylhet and Kamroop the greatest number of witnesses were detained for more than three days. The Deputy Commissioner of the former district attributes the delay in the discharge of witnesses to the paucity of officers in the district, and to a case in which several defendants absconded, when processes issued and fresh defendants appeared on three successive days, thus rendering it necessary to re-examine the witnesses already examined. From the explanation submitted by the Deputy Commissioner of Kamroop, it appears that some of the officers in the district do not attach sufficient importance to the punctual discharge of witnesses attending their Courts. The attention of the Deputy Commissioner has been drawn to this irregularity, as it is the duty of that officer to check it at the time of occurrence. In Lukhimpore, Nowgong, and Sibsagor no witnesses were kept in attendance for more than three days.

VI.—PUNISHMENTS.

Death. *See Statement 5.*

Of the cases referred under Section 287 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to the High Court on its Appellate Side for confirmation of sentence of death, the sentence was ordered to be carried out in the case of four persons.

Transportation.

The number of persons sentenced to transportation by the Courts of Session was 25, of whom 16 were sentenced to transportation for life, and the rest to transportation for a term only.

Other sentences.

The other sentences passed by the Courts of Session in the past year are given below:—

Rigorous imprisonment	94
Fine	30
Whipping	2

Of the 30 persons fined, in the case of one only was the fine the sole punishment.

The periods for which imprisonment was awarded were as follows:—

Not exceeding 15 days	1
" " 6 months	28
" " 2 years	22
" " 7 "	32
Above 7 years	4

In addition to the persons shown above, six persons were sentenced by Sessions Judges to rigorous imprisonment not exceeding seven years, and one person to rigorous imprisonment for a longer period, in cases referred to them by Deputy Commissioners under Section 36 of the Code.

Fines (Sessions Courts)
See Table L.

The following table shows the results during the past two years as regards fines imposed by Courts of Session :—

	Imposed.	Realised	Paid by way of compensation.
1879	2,170	1,436	..
1880	904	538	

Punishments awarded by Magistrates
See Statement 5.

The number of persons sentenced by Magistrates to imprisonment, fine, and whipping respectively, or to more than one of these punishments, was as follows :—

	1879.	1880.
Imprisonment	3,221	3,078
Fine	6,304	7,326
Whipping	507	504

The imprisonment ordered in the past year was rigorous combined with solitary confinement in the case of 4 persons, rigorous in the case of 2,995 persons, and simple in the case of 79 persons. The terms of imprisonment did not exceed six months in the case of 2,637 persons; and in the case of 16 persons the imprisonment was for terms between two and seven years. Of the persons fined or sentenced to be flogged, 1,064 were sentenced to those punishments, in addition to some other class of punishment.

Fines (Magistrates' Courts).
See Table L.

The amount of fines imposed by Magistrates in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction was Rs. 90,371 in the past, as compared with Rs. 78,712 in the previous year, and the amount realised was Rs. 86,783 as compared with Rs. 74,724. The increase both in respect of the amount imposed and of that realised is most marked in Lukhimpore, Cachar, and Kamroop; while, on the other hand, Sibsagor shows a marked decrease in the amount of fines imposed. The above increase is attributed partly to the fact that the total number of cases dealt with in the past year was greater than in the preceding year; and partly to the fact that some exceptionally heavy fines were imposed in certain individual cases under the Arms Act and under Section 380 of the Indian Penal Code, and for infractions of the Opium and Excise Laws. In one case alone, a case regarding the illegal capture of elephants, fines to the amount of Rs. 1,550 were imposed. The Deputy Commissioner of Kamroop, in commenting on his return of fines realised, states that the readiness with which fines imposed by him were paid struck him as remarkable; and may, he thinks, be regarded as evidence of the comparative affluence of the Kamroop ryots.

Compensation.

The amount awarded as compensation was Rs. 10,051 in the past year as compared with Rs. 8,357 in the preceding one. The increase is distributed generally among the districts, save in Goalpara and Cachar, where there is a slight decrease, and in Durrung and Lukhimpore where the increase is considerable.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

VII.—THE HIGH COURT.

Number of Appeals
See Table P.

The number of appeals from the decisions of the Criminal Courts in Assam instituted, disposed of, and pending in the High Court during the past two years was as follows :—

	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1879	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Valley Districts	9	15	9	12	...	3
Sylhet	45	40	47	38	1	3
Cachar	13	14	10	15	3	2
TOTAL .	70	69	66	65	4	8

Persons who appealed. *See Table R*

Of the appeals filed in 1880, 15 were appeals by persons convicted by Deputy Commissioners in the exercise of their special powers under Section 36 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and 54 were appeals by persons convicted by Sessions Judges. No appeal was preferred in 1880 by Government against a judgment of acquittal passed by any of the officers in Assam.

It will be observed from the statement given above that there was a slight falling off in the number of appeals filed in 1880 by persons convicted by the Court of Session at Sylhet, notwithstanding that the number of persons convicted, and in whose cases the sentences passed were appealable, was 86 in the past as compared with 77 in the preceding year.

Results of appeals as affecting cases

The following statement shows the result as affecting cases of the appeals decided during each of the past two years:—

	Valley Districts.		Sylhet.		Cachar.		Total.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Affirmed	6	9	37	33	8	10	51	52
Reversed	1	1	4	5	1	2	6	8
Varied	1	...	6	...	1	...	8	...
Re-trial ordered	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	2
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3

From the above it appears that in 80 per cent. of the cases decided during the past year the judgment of the Lower Court was upheld as compared with 77·2 per cent. in the previous year. Of appeals against the decisions of Sessions Judges, the result (82·6 per cent. in which the Judges' decisions were affirmed) was satisfactory; the decisions of Deputy Commissioners appealed against did not, however, fare so well: only 9 out of 13, or 69·2 per cent., of their decisions being upheld.

Results of appeals as affecting persons.

The results of appeals as affecting persons during the past two years are given below:—

	1879.	1880.
Appeals rejected	34	58
Sentence confirmed	35	18
„ enhanced	...	...
„ reduced or altered	8	...
„ reversed or quashed	7	8
New trial ordered	7	2

Appeals summarily rejected

The appeals of 67·4 per cent. of the appellants whose cases were disposed of during 1880 were summarily rejected as compared with 37·3 per cent. in the previous year. Appeals against the decisions of the Sessions Judge of Sylhet were the least successful, 79·1 per cent. having been rejected.

Results of admitted appeals

The results of admitted appeals were as follows:—

	Percentage.	
	1879.	1880.
Orders of Lower Courts affirmed	61·4	64·2
Sentence reduced	14	...
„ reversed	12·2	28·5
New trials ordered	12·2	7·1

VIII.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals filed, decided, and pending. *See Table M.*

The following comparative table shows the number of appeals preferred, decided, and pending in the Courts of Session and of District Magistrates during the past two years:—

	Filed.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Courts of Session . . .	235	282	220	282	18	17
Courts of Magistrates . .	125	104	126	104	1	1
TOTAL .	360	386	346	386	19	18

The total number of appeals filed was slightly in excess of that of the previous year. This increase is to be found only in Courts of Session, the appeals to District Magistrates having decreased in the past year. Appeals to the Sessions Court against the sentences passed by the Magistrates of Cachar rose from 34 in 1879 to 83 in 1880. The Sessions Court at Lukhimpore also shows a marked increase. The great influx of appeals in these two Courts was obviously due to the fact that appealable sentences were passed by Magistrates exercising 1st class powers in respect of 472 persons in 1880; whereas in the preceding year such sentences were passed by Magistrates of the class referred to in respect of 328 persons only.

Appeals (cases) decided.

Of the appeals decided in 1880, 282 were tried by Sessions Judges and 104 by District Magistrates; the corresponding figures for 1879 were 220 and 126 respectively. Notwithstanding that the number of appeals preferred in the Courts of Session was greater in 1880 than in 1879, the number pending at the close of the past year was only 17.

Number of persons who appealed, and result of their appeals. *See Table O.*

The number of persons who appealed in 1880 was 653, or 17·8 per cent. of the number of persons in respect of whom appealable orders were passed, as compared with 13 per cent. in the previous year. The orders of the Lower Courts were upheld in the case of 424 persons, or 67·08 per cent. of those whose appeals were heard. The districts where the results of appeals were most favourable to Lower Courts were Kamroop (82·1 per cent. of the decisions affirmed), Nowgong (81·2 per cent.), and Durrung (80 per cent.); and the districts where the appellants were more successful were Goalpara (only 52 per cent. of the decisions being affirmed) and Cachar (54 per cent.) In the case of Nowgong and Durrung, however, it will be observed that the number of appellants in each district was 35 only.

Results of appeals as affecting persons.

The following statement shows more in detail the results (as affecting persons) of the appeals decided during the past year:—

		Appeals rejected or sentence confirmed.	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or otherwise altered.	Sentence reversed or proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.
Valley Districts .	Magistrates' Courts . .	68	10	21	8	1
	Courts of Session . .	139	...	8	21	...
Sylhet and Cachar .	Magistrates' Courts . .	34	3	9	13	...
	Courts of Session . .	183	1	44	62	7
TOTAL .	Magistrates' Courts . .	102	13	30	21	1
	Courts of Session . .	322	1	52	83	7

SUPERINTENDENCE, REFERENCE, AND REVISION.

IX.—THE HIGH COURT.

The following table shows the number of cases arising in the Province of Assam dealt with by the High Court as a Court of Reference during the past year:— Number of cases. *See Table R.*

	Pending, 1879.	Filed, 1880.	Disposed of, 1880.	Pending, 1880.
References under Section 263, Criminal Procedure Code	...	...	...	...
„ „ 287 „ „	1	6	6	1
„ „ 186 „ „	...	...	...	...
„ „ 197 „ „	...	1	1	...
TOTAL	1	7	7	1

In the past year no case was referred under Section 263 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by the Sessions Judge of the Assam Valley Districts, in consequence of his disapproving of the verdict of the jury; nor was any case under Section 186 of the Code referred during that year by any of the officers of the Province of Assam. References under Sections 186 and 263, Criminal Procedure Code.

Of the 6 cases referred to the High Court during 1880, under Section 287 of the Code, for confirmation of the sentence of death, 1 was received from Kamroop, 1 from Lukhimpore, 3 from Sibsagor, and 1 from Sylhet. The case pending at the commencement of the year came up from Sylhet. In respect of 4 persons the sentence of death was confirmed; 1 person was acquitted, and the case of another was remanded for re-trial. References under Section 287, Criminal Procedure Code.

The case under Section 197 of the Code was referred by the Court of Session at Kamroop with a view to have the commitment of the accused (who, it appears, was insane at the time of the enquiry before the Lower Court) quashed. It resulted in the recommendation of the Sessions Judge being adopted. References under Section 197, Criminal Procedure Code.

The total number of cases dealt with by the High Court under its powers of revision during the past year was 34. Of these, 3 were pending at the close of 1879; 17 were referred for the orders of the Court under Section 296 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges; and the rest were dealt with by the Court under Section 294. The figures for 1879 were 21 under Section 296, and 17 under Section 294. Number of proceedings in revision.

Of the cases dealt with under Section 294, 3 were decided by the Sessions Judge of Sylhet and Cachar, and 14 by Magistrates (7 in the Assam Valley Districts and 7 in Sylhet).

The following statement shows in detail for each district the results (as affecting cases) of the proceedings in revision:— Results of proceedings in revision

Courts whose orders were the subject of revision.		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	New trial ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.
Courts of Session	Valley Districts	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sylhet and Cachar	1	1	1	...	...	3
District Magistrates	Valley Districts	3	1	...	...	1	5
	Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...
Others	Valley Districts	7	3	2	1	...	13
	Sylhet	3	4	...	1	...	8
	Cachar	...	1	...	...	...	1
	TOTAL	14	10	3	2	1	30

The orders of the Lower Court were upheld in 46·6 per cent. of the cases decided, and reversed in 33·3 per cent. From the above statement it will be seen that the results are unfavourable to the Sessions Judge of Sylhet and Cachar; one out of 3, or 33·3 per cent. only, of that officer's decisions being upheld.

Results of proceedings in revision as affecting persons

The statement below gives details of the result of proceedings in revision (as affecting persons) during each of the past two years:—

	1879.	1880.
Applications rejected	18	30
Orders confirmed	12	7
Sentence enhanced	...	4
„ reduced or altered	1	1
„ reversed or quashed	14	21
New trials or further enquiry ordered	4	8
TOTAL	49	71

X.—SUBORDINATE COURTS.

Number of applications for revision preferred, disposed of, and pending
See Table N

The following table shows the number of applications for revision preferred, disposed of, and pending in the past two years in the Courts of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates:—

		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending	
		1879.	1880	1879.	1880.	1879	1880.
Valley Districts	Sessions Judges	42	17	42	14	1	3
	Magistrates	33	34	31	33	...	1
Sylhet and Cachar	Sessions Judges	16	31	15	30	1	2
	Magistrates	23	105	21	105	2	2
TOTAL	Sessions Judges	58	48	57	44	2	5
	Magistrates	56	139	52	138	2	3

While the number of applications for revision filed in the Courts of Session has slightly fallen off, the number filed in the Magistrates' Courts in 1880 largely exceeded the number filed in the previous year; the increase in the Court of the Magistrate of Sylhet being most marked. The Sessions Judge attributes the decrease in the Assam Valley Districts to the better comprehension of the law on the subject of revision on the part of petitioners.

Number of applicants for revision of proceedings of Lower Courts
See Table O.

The number of applicants for revision during 1880 was 221, or 1·3 per cent. of the number of persons in respect of whom orders were passed by the Subordinate Criminal Courts. The ratio of persons applying was highest in Goalpara (2·5 per cent.), Sylhet (2·4 per cent.), and Kamroop (2·1 per cent.); and was lowest in Lukhimpore, in which district only ·07 per cent. is recorded, and in Durrung, ·06 per cent. The applications of 133 persons, or of 62·1 per

cent. of those whose cases were decided, were rejected, the orders of the Lower Court being upheld. The proportion of applicants who were thus unsuccessful was greatest in Durrung and Nowgong, and least in Kamroop, where only 15·8 per cent. of the persons whose cases were disposed of had their applications rejected.

The following statement shows more in detail the result of revision as affecting persons :— Result of revision as affecting persons. *See Statement 6.*

Courts to which application was made.		Applications rejected.	New trial ordered	Referred.
Courts of Session ...	Valley Districts . . .	14	...	3
	Sylhet and Cachar . . .	31	2	6
District Magistrates .	Valley Districts . . .	20	7	25
	Sylhet	67	32	...
	Cachar	1	4	2
	Total . .	133	45	36

XI.—FINANCIAL.

As explained in the report for 1879, there is some difficulty in determining the amount to be charged to the Administration of Criminal Justice on account of the salary of the officers employed in Assam. Receipts and charges of the Criminal Courts.

The receipts and charges of all the Criminal Courts for the past two years were as follows :— *See Table 8.*

	Receipts.	Charges
	Rs.	Rs.
1879	1,14,425	2,33,227
1880	1,25,335	2,29,025

The general financial result is to show a deficit of Rs. 1,03,690 in the past as compared with Rs. 1,18,802 in the previous year. In the Assam Valley Districts the excess of expenditure over receipts was Rs. 88,849; while in Sylhet and Cachar it was only Rs. 14,841. The only Court in Assam where the receipts were in excess of the disbursements was that of the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet, where the surplus is reported to be Rs. 12,376. Financial results.

The receipts of Magistrates' Courts and of Courts of Session for the past two years are shown below in detail :— Receipts in detail

	Stamps.				Cash			
	Process Fees.		Other Fees.		Fines.		Miscellaneous.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Magistrates' Courts . . .	10,943	10,815	21,672	19,898	76,173	89,563	3,912	4,112
Sessions Courts	...	.	256	262	1,451	660	18	25
Total ...	10,943	10,815	21,928	20,160	77,624	90,223	3,930	4,137

From the above it will be observed that, while the value of Court-fee stamps expended was not so large in 1880 as it was in 1879, a material increase in the amount of fines and of miscellaneous receipts is reported. The only Courts in which there was a slight increase in the value of Court-fee stamps used are the Courts of the Deputy Commissioners of Cachar, Goalpara, and Lukhimpore, and the Court of the Sessions Judge of Sylhet and Cachar.

Charges in detail.

The following are the details of the charges of the Criminal Courts for the past two years:—

	Salaries of Judicial Officers.		Establishments.				Contingencies and refunds.	
			Process-servers.		Others.			
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Magistrates' Courts . . .	1,24,870	1,19,325	8,614	8,103	53,083	50,446	19,316	20,355
Courts of Session . . .	22,048	25,256	...	...	1,732	3,866	3,564	1,674
TOTAL .	1,46,918	1,44,581	8,614	8,103	54,815	54,312	22,880	22,029

From this statement it will be observed that in 1880 the expenditure of the Criminal Courts in Assam was reduced under all heads.

Finances of the Process-serving Department.

Although the amount realised in 1880 on account of process fees fell short of the amount realised in the preceding year, the finances of the Process-serving Department appear to be in a more satisfactory condition; for, by the reduction of establishment-expenses during 1880, the profit to Government from these fees was Rs. 2,712, as compared with Rs. 2,329 in 1879. Moreover, the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet reports that, owing to the Subordinate Magistrates of the District having delayed bringing into operation his orders to add from June to October of the year 25 per cent. on account of boat-hire to the charges ordinarily recovered from parties for the issue of processes, Government sustained a loss of about Rs. 350. From this it will be observed that had the delay referred to not occurred, the profit to Government would have been Rs. 3,062 in the year under review.

As explained in the report for 1879, no charge is made in the tables given in this report on account of the High Court.

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Showing the total number of offences reported, of cases struck off as false, and of true cases in 1879 and 1880.

Description of Offences.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was rejected.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases returned as true.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code .	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	382	518	48	42	51	57	283	419
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	339	334	18	16	2	4	319	314
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI . . .	306	299	30	15	2	6	274	278
Offences relating to Coin, Stamps, and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	57	54	1	2	5	5	51	47
Offences affecting Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV .	186	127	11	21	11	4	164	102
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	7,959	8,363	2,050	2,825	553	651	5,356	4,897
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII .	9,742	9,100	2,204	2,532	1,588	1,442	5,950	5,126
Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII .	1,128	1,077	505	564	4	42	619	471
Total offences under the Penal Code .	20,099	19,872	4,867	6,017	2,216	2,211	13,016	11,844
Offences under Special Laws . . .	3,582	4,177	445	626	28	125	3,109	3,426
Grand Total .	23,681	24,049	5,312	6,643	2,244	2,336	16,125	15,070

Table A I.

Showing the total number of cases brought to trial, with the results of trial in 1879 and 1880.

Description of Offences.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		Number of persons				Percentage convicted	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880	1879.	1880.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code .	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	.
Offences against Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	235	300	274	243	1,062	1,237	79	83
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	302	316	171	161	419	405	71	71
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	256	266	73	116	259	228	78	66
Offences relating to Coin, Stamps, and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	37	39	22	16	35	28	61	63
Offences affecting Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV . .	151	91	27	30	219	97	89	76
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	2,812	2,931	1,728	1,564	2,504	2,701	59	63
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	3,185	2,823	2,088	1,721	2,864	2,573	57	59
Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII . .	307	280	260	213	121	182	31	46
Total offences under the Penal Code .	7,285	7,055	4,643	4,064	7,483	7,451	61	64
Offences under Special Laws . . .	2,211	2,755	820	798	2,712	3,399	76	80
Grand Total .	9,496	9,810	5,463	4,862	10,195	10,850	65	69

Table B.

Giving details of Comparative Table A for each District.

	DISTRICTS.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was rejected under sec. 147, C. P. C.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases returned as true.		Percentage of cases accepted as true.	
		1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879	1880.	1879.	1880	1879	1880.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	1,248	1,097	143	126	187	160	918	811	73	73
	Kamroop	1,914	2,459	799	930	214	441	901	1,088	46	44
	Nowgong	1,992	2,114	722	796	92	107	1,178	1,211	59	57
	Durrung	1,818	1,902	326	536	159	129	1,333	1,237	73	65
	Lukhimpore	1,509	1,811	525	599	94	111	890	1,101	58	60
	Sibsagor	2,859	2,823	680	1,072	425	355	1,754	1,396	61	49
Sylhet		9,503	8,740	1,821	2,075	842	795	6,840	5,870	71	67
Cachar		2,838	3,103	296	509	231	238	2,311	2,356	81	75
	TOTAL	23,681	24,049	5,312	6,643	2,244	2,336	16,125	15,070	68	62

Table B I.

Giving details of Comparative Table A I for each District.

	DISTRICTS.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		Number of persons				Percentage convicted.	
				Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
		1879	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	663	560	373	284	769	600	67	67
	Kamroop	900	908	511	426	830	1,065	61	71
	Nowgong	586	750	315	336	691	828	68	71
	Durrung	994	936	541	516	1,166	1,003	68	66
	Lukhimpore	787	967	367	537	826	844	68	60
	Sibsagor	1,376	1,140	769	584	1,232	1,187	61	67
Sylhet		3,094	3,142	2,019	1,618	3,465	3,617	63	69
Cachar		1,096	1,407	568	561	1,216	1,706	68	75
	TOTAL	9,496	9,810	5,463	4,862	10,195	10,850	65	69

Table C.

Showing the number of offences of each class returned as true in 1879 and 1880.

	DISTRICTS	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code		Offences against the public tranquility, Chapter VIII.		Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence Chapter XI		Offences relating to coin stamps, and weights and measures Chapters XII and XIII		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religious, chapters XIV and XV		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI		Offences against property Chapter XVII		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		Grand Total	
		1879	1880	1879	1880	1879	1880.	1879	1880	1879	1880	1879	1880	1879	1880	1879	1880	1879	1880	1879	1880.	1879	1880	1879	1880
Assam Valley Districts	Goalpara		...	9	10	17	17	16	8	2	4	2	3	251	258	418	343	82	67	797	710	121	101	918	811
	Kamroop	...	...	2	14	12	23	16	27	3	4	10	12	190	301	309	330	25	39	567	750	334	338	901	1,088
	Nowgong	...	...	10	7	10	12	8	20	1	4	23	8	456	447	423	352	12	9	948	859	230	352	1,178	1,211
	Durrung	.	...	6	5	11	20	37	19	5	6	45	3	422	370	504	518	45	38	1,075	979	258	258	1,333	1 237
	Lukhimpore	...	..	10	11	12	19	7	14	6	3	3	8	182	274	273	332	43	81	536	742	354	359	890	1,101
	Sibsagor	...	.	21	12	27	28	29	19	3	3	50	50	442	350	654	592	37	26	1,263	1,080	491	316	1,754	1,396
Sylhet		...	..	209	318	177	150	118	101	28	17	19	12	2,800	2,266	2,395	1,917	304	140	6,050	4,921	790	949	6,840	5,80
Cachar		...	...	16	42	53	45	43	70	3	6	12	6	613	621	969	742	71	71	1,780	1,603	531	753	2 311	2,356
	Total	..		283	419	319	314	274	276	51	47	164	102	5,356	4,887	5,950	5,126	619	471	13,016	11,644	3,109	3,426	16,125	15,070

Table D.

Showing in detail for each class the number of persons convicted in 1879 and 1880.

	Districts.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coin, stamps, weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting the public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		Grand Total.	
		1879.	1880.	1879.	1880	1879	1880.	1879.	1880	1879	1880	1879	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879	1880.	1879	1880.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	—	—	52	17	24	11	13	3	1	2	1	4	176	206	343	266	19	13	629	522	140	78	769	600
	Kamroop	—	—	18	85	32	26	21	20	3	3	16	11	181	187	229	330	8	16	508	678	322	387	830	1,065
	Nowgong	—	—	37	16	7	12	8	12	1	—	28	9	209	250	211	161	3	4	504	464	187	364	691	828
	Durrung	—	—	45	21	14	25	36	19	3	5	61	1	349	313	339	335	17	11	864	730	302	273	1,166	1,003
	Lukhimpore	—	—	34	42	16	19	4	10	5	2	2	4	126	143	228	156	19	49	434	425	392	419	826	844
	Sibsagor	—	—	101	76	30	22	25	16	1	1	45	47	278	253	366	395	19	31	865	841	367	346	1,232	1,187
Sylhet		—	—	636	836	234	156	113	86	18	10	52	2	981	1,084	778	662	21	40	2,833	2,876	632	741	3,465	3,617
Cachar		..	—	139	144	62	134	39	62	3	5	14	19	204	265	370	268	15	18	846	915	370	791	1,216	1,706
	Total	...	..	1,062	1,237	419	405	259	228	35	28	219	97	2,804	2,701	2,864	2,573	121	182	7,483	7,451	2,712	3,399	10,195	10,850

Table E.

Showing the number of cases brought to trial during the year, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of Session and the Courts of Magistrates in 1879 and 1880.

	DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Courts of Magistrates.					
		Brought to trial.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Brought to trial.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	9	7	10	5	...	2	667	566	679	551	3	17
	Kamroop	4	7	5	6	1	1	889	910	880	915	17	12
	Nowgong	1	2	1	2	...	...	587	751	591	749	1	3
	Durrung	9	4	9	3	...	1	994	936	999	934	6	6
	Lukhimpore	3	10	3	9	...	...	787	967	775	972	12	7
	Sibsagor	5	5	5	4	...	1	1,384	1,140	1,383	1,140	13	13
Sylhet		93	67	100	62	5	9	3,094	3,142	3,101	3,116	63	88
Cachar		23	14	21	13	4	5	1,096	1,400	1,104	1,412	19	13
	Total	147	116	154	104	10	19	9,498	9,821	9,512	9,789	134	159

Table F.

Showing the number of persons concerned in cases decided under the miscellaneous provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code during 1880.

	DISTRICTS.	Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XVI, Section 250.	Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter XVI.	Forfeiture of bail or recognisance under Chapter XVIII.	Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XIX, Section 414.	Contempts of Court under Chapter XXXIII.	Proceedings under Chapter XXXVII to prevent breach of the peace.	Proceedings under Chapter XXXVIII, security for good behaviour.	Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter XXXIX.	Possession, Chapter XL.	Maintenance, Chapter XLI.
		Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	1	...	3	...	1	4	11	...	1	1
	Kamroop	5	...	14	... 2	...	1	3	...	5	3
	Nowgong	14	...	5	...	...	1	...	40	...	17
	Durrung	41	...	...	... 2	...	...	5	...	1	7
	Lukhimpore	...	1	11	...	1	4	1	2	7	10
	Sibsagor	10	...	3	...	...	5	3	...	...	19
Sylhet		22	1	37	9 9	13	313	90	92	11	21
Cachar		15	...	21	...	18	142	23	127	10	16
	Total	108	2	94	22	33	470	136	201	35	108

Table G.

Showing the results of trials in the Courts of Session in 1880 (as affecting persons).

	DISTRICTS.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent. of persons entered in columns 3 and 4 who were convicted.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	18	7	5	...	...	6	41·6
	Kamroop	14	5	5	2	1	1	50
	Nowgong	2	...	2	...	...	...	100
	Durrung	6	2	3	...	...	1	60
	Lukhimpore	12	6	4	1	1	...	40
	Sibsagor	9	2	2	3	...	2	50
Sylhet		154	33	87	1	1	32	80·8
Cachar		27	6	12	...	..	9	66·6
	TOTAL	242	61	120	7	3	51	66·2

Table H.

Showing the results of trials in the Courts of Magistrates in 1880 (as affecting persons).

	DISTRICTS.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, transferred	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent. of persons entered in columns 3 and 4 who were convicted.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	938	277	595	31	3	32	68
	Kamroop	1,511	421	1,059	14	1	16	71
	Nowgong	1,169	336	826	3	1	3	71
	Durrung	1,534	514	1,000	6	3	11	66
	Lukhimpore	1,391	531	839	11	1	9	61
	Sibsagor	1,786	582	1,184	7	...	13	67
Sylhet		5,476	1,584	3,529	149	4	210	69
Cachar		2,291	555	1,694	23	2	17	75
	TOTAL	16,096	4,800	10,726	244	15	311	69

Table I.

Showing in detail the number of persons who were awaiting trial in the Courts of Magistrates at the end of 1880.

	DISTRICTS.	Criminal lunatics.	Number of persons				Of the persons entered in columns 3 to 6 under trial				
			In custody.	On bail.	On recognisance.	Otherwise.	Not exceeding one month.	Over one month	Over two months.	Over three months.	Over six months.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	..	...	27	...	7	23	6	5	...	...
	Kamroop	3	3	8	...	2	13	...	...	...	...
	Nowgong	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	..
	Durrung	...	5	5	...	1	11	...	...	...	...
	Lukhimpore	...	1	6	2	...	9	...	...	...	...
	Sibsagor	5	2	6	...	...	8	...		...	...
Sylhet		1	17	187	5	...	192	15	1	1	...
Cachar		...	5	10	2	...	16	1	...	...	...
	Total	10	34	250	9	10	274	22	6	1	...

Table J.

Showing the number of witnesses examined and the amount paid as expenses in the Courts of Session and Magistrates' Courts in 1879 and 1880.

	DISTRICTS.	Number of witnesses examined				Amounts paid as expenses.			
		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
		1879.	1880.	1879	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	34	21	2,003	2,235	60	182	25	77
	Kamroop	18	23	2,634	3,375	....	6	41	9
	Nowgong	13	3	2,379	2,811	...	4	...	13
	Durrung	30	22	3,003	2,998	7	5	9	44
	Lukhimpore	13	49	2,029	2,883	414	143	409	57
	Sibsagor	15	31	4,214	4,195	13	35	48	16
Sylhet		780	462	16,478	15,722	849	486	219	169
Cachar		81	88	4,612	5,096	229	11	10	52
	Total	984	699	37,412	39,315	1,572	872	821	437

Table K.

Showing the detention of witnesses in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1880.

	DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED.							
		COURTS OF SESSION.				MAGISTRATES' COURTS.			
		On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.	Goalpara	20	...	...	15	2,456	262	98	27
	Kamroop	36	...	...	14	3,005	556	151	41
	Nowgong	3	...	...	...	2,802	71	18	...
	Durrung	30	...	...	...	3,200	36	5	9
	Lukhimpore	47	9	6	...	2,949	112	24	...
	Sibsagor	19	8	11	...	3,981	467	61	...
Sylhet		779	31	...	...	16,426	2,466	413	64
Cachar		93	58	...	...	6,528	964	145	22
	TOTAL	1,027	106	17	29	41,437	4,934	915	163

Table L.

Showing the total amount of fines imposed in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction by the Criminal Courts in 1879 and 1880, the amount realised, and the amount paid by way of compensation.

	DISTRICTS.	COURTS OF SESSION.						MAGISTRATES' COURTS.					
		Total amount of fines.		Amount realised.		Amount paid by way of compensation.		Total amount of fines.		Amount realised.		Amount paid by way of compensation.	
		1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879	1880.	1879.	1880.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.	Goalpara	200	49	...	32	...	...	4,794	4,149	2,790	3,713	395	389
	Kamroop	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,077	7,111	3,581	8,000	781	890
	Nowgong	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,841	5,251	3,810	5,223	1,257	1,415
	Durrung	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,515	7,268	7,345	6,959	853	1,481
	Lukhimpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,675	12,473	5,710	11,654	674	1,091
	Sibsagor	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,357	9,070	11,965	8,935	1,310	1,549
Sylhet		1,690	705	1,166	426	...	...	33,638	33,874	33,322	31,705	1,957	2,249
Cachar		280	150	270	80	...	...	6,815	11,175	6,201	10,594	1,130	957
	TOTAL	2,170	904	1,436	538	...	...	78,712	90,371	74,724	86,783	8,357	10,051

Table M.

Showing the number of appeals (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges in 1879 and 1880.

	DISTRICTS.	1879.						1880					
		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF		PENDING.	
		Court of Session	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara .	3	9	3	9	...	...	4	18	4	18	...	...
	Kamroop .	23	20	20	20	3	1	22	13	25	14	...	...
	Nowgong .	18	17	17	17	1	...	13	9	13	9	...	...
	Durrung .	17	13	16	13	...	...	14	16	14	16	...	...
	Lukhimpore .	14	2	15	2	...	...	23	4	20	4	3	..
	Sibsagor .	27	10	26	10	1	...	18	9	18	9	1	...
Sylhet . .		99	38	91	39	10	...	105	11	109	11	6	...
Cachar . .		34	16	32	16	3	...	83	24	79	23	7	1
	TOTAL .	235	125	220	126	18	1	282	104	282	104	17	1

Table N.

Showing the number of applications for revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges in 1879 and 1880.

	DISTRICTS.	1879.						1880.					
		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara .	3	5	3	5	1	...	3	17	3	17	1	...
	Kamroop .	20	4	20	2	...	...	7	10	6	10	...	...
	Nowgong .	5	21	5	21	...	...	2	6	1	5	1	1
	Durrung .	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
	Lukhimpore .	3	1	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
	Sibsagor .	10	1	10	1	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	...
Sylhet . .		13	20	12	18	1	2	25	99	25	99	1	2
Cachar . .		3	3	3	3	...	...	6	6	5	6	1	...
	TOTAL .	58	56	57	52	2	2	48	139	44	138	5	3

Table O.

Showing the number of persons whose cases came before the Courts of Sessions Judges and of District Magistrates on appeal or application for revision, with the result as affecting the orders of the Lower Courts.

	DISTRICTS.	Appeals.				Applications for revision.			
		Number of persons who appealed.	Ratio per cent. of persons appealing to persons in respect to whom appealable orders were passed.	Number of appellants in whose cases the sentence or orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of affirmed to decided.	Number of applicants for revision.	Ratio per cent. of applicants for revision to persons in respect to whom orders were passed.	Number of applicants whose applications were rejected or in whose case orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of rejected disposed of.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	50	20·40	26	52·	23	2·53	17	73 91
	Kamroop	69	16·	60	82·19	32	2·10	5	15·8
	Nowgong	35	13·94	26	81·25	12	·96	8	80·
	Durrung	35	6·69	28	80·	1	·06	1	100·
	Lukhimpore	46	24·72	32	76·19	1	·07	...	...
	Sibsagor	44	11·48	35	79·54	4	·22	3	75·
Sylhet		223	20 92	139	65·56	131	2·40	90	69·76
Cachar		151	26 21	78	54·16	17	·68	9	56·25
	Total	653	17·83	424	67·08	221	1·34	133	62·10

Table P.

Showing the number of appeals and applications for revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the High Court in 1879 and 1880.

	DISTRICTS.	Appeals.						Applications for revision.					
		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1879	1880	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Assam Valley Districts	Goalpara	1	3	1	1	...	2	4	6	4	6	...	...
	Kamroop	3	3	3	2	...	1	10	11	10	8	.	3
	Nowgong	...	...	...	...	....	...	2	1	2	1	..	..
	Durrung	3	4	3	4	...	...	1	1	1	1		..
	Lukhimpore	2	1	2	1	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
	Sibsagor	...	4	...	4	...		2	1	1	2	1	...
Sylhet		48	40	47	38	1	3	12	9	11	10	2	1
Cachar		13	14	10	15	3	2	4	2	4	2	..	..
	Total	70	69	66	65	4	8	37	31	35	30	3	4

Table Q.

Showing the results, as affecting persons, of appeal and revision in the High Court in 1880.

	DISTRICTS	APPEALS. Rejected	Sentence affirmed.	Sentence reversed	Sentence varied.	Further enquiry ordered	Otherwise disposed of.	APPLICATIONS FOR REVISION. Rejected	Order affirmed.	Order reversed.	Sentence varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	3	...	...	...
	Kamroop	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	8	4	5	...
	Nowgong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Durrung	2	3	1	..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Lukhimpore	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sibsagor	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Sylhet		38	5	5	...	...	...	24	...	4	1	3	1
Cachar		16	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
TOTAL		58	18	8	...	2	...	30	7	20	5	8	1

Table R.

Criminal business coming before the High Court from the Province of Assam in 1880.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

DESCRIPTION OF CASES.	Remaining from 1879.	Filed in 1880.	Disposed of in 1880.	Remaining at the close of 1880.
APPEALS.				
BY PERSONS CONVICTED — From the orders of the Presidency Magistrate	...	...	...	...
BY PERSONS CONVICTED — Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 36, C. P. C.	1	15	13	3
BY PERSONS CONVICTED — Sessions Judges	3	54	52	5
BY LOCAL GOVT. From the judgments of acquittal of all Courts	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	4	69	65	8
REFERENCES.				
Cases in which the Sessions Judge dissented from the verdict of a Jury and referred under Section 263, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...
Cases in which sentences of death passed by Sessions Judges were referred for confirmation under Section 287, C. P. C.	1	6	6	1
Cases in which proceedings held against persons who cannot understand them are referred for orders under Section 186, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...
Cases in which the commitment was quashed under Section 197, C. P. C.	...	1	1	...
TOTAL	1	7	7	1
REVISION.				
Cases referred for revision by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges under Section 296, C. P. C.	1	16	13	4
Cases dealt with by the Court under Section 294, C. P. C.—				
(1) cases decided by Magistrates	2	12	14	...
(2) Ditto Sessions Judges	..	3	3	...
TOTAL	3	31	30	4
Full Bench references	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous orders in Court	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	8	107	102	13

Note.—Besides the above, 47 orders were passed out of Court on review of periodical criminal returns and sessions statements.

Table S.

Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts, 1880.

	DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS.					CHARGES					
		In Court Fee Stamps.		In Cash.		Total.	Share of Officers' salary debitable to Criminal Justice.	Establishments		Contingencies and Refunds.	Total.	Results, plus or minus.
		Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process servers.	Other.			
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	738	1,384	3,834	141	6,097	21,188	571	7,778	3,213	32,750	—26,653
	Kamroop	718	2,085	8,055	472	11,330	16,321	676	3,510	1,473	21,980	—10,650
	Nowgong	795	1,510	5,315	8	7,628	3,400	571	5,793	1,674	11,498	—3,870
	Durrung	611	1,019	6,967	641	9,238	10,048	360	5,454	3,948	19,810	—10,572
	Lukhimpore	731	1,728	11,654	239	14,352	21,598	500	9,513	2,309	33,920	—19,568
	Sibsagor	1,236	2,184	9,085	...	12,505	21,059	671	6,520	1,791	30,041	—17,536
Sylhet		4,017	7,894	33,984	2,385	48,250	33,253	3,480	9,215	4,967	50,924	—2,644
Cachar		1,969	2,356	11,329	251	15,905	17,654	1,265	6,529	2,654	28,102	—12,197
Total.	Courts of Magistrates	10,815	19,898	89,563	4,112	1,24,388	1,19,325	8,103	50,446	20,355	1,98,229	—73,841
	Courts of Session	...	262	660	25	947	25,256	...	3,866	1,674	30,796	—29,849
	Grand Total	10,815	20,160	90,223	4,137	1,25,335	1,44,581	8,103	54,312	22,029	2,29,025	—1,03,690

Annual Statement—1—(Criminal).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising jurisdiction in criminal cases in the Province of Assam on the last day of the year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1880.

	DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Divisions of Districts (including Sudder Division).	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS.				Number of Benches of Magistrates.	NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES ORIGINALLY DECIDED.						NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES DECIDED ON APPEAL			Total Receipts of the Criminal Courts.	Total Charges of the Criminal Courts
						Judges of the High Court.	Sessions Judges of all grades.	MAGISTRATES OF ALL GRADES.			By the High Court.	By Courts of Session.	By District Magistrates.	By other Stipendiary Magistrates.	By Special and Honorary Magistrates.	By Benches of Magistrates.	By the High Court.	By Courts of Session.	By District Magistrates or other Magistrates empowered.		
								Stipendiary.	Special and Honorary											
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	3,960	407,714	1	2	...	1	4	5	...	...	5	121	379	51	...	1	4	18	6,097	32,750
	Kamroop	3,631	561,680		2	...		7	1	...	1	6	239	675	1	...	2	25	14	11,330	21,980
	Nowgong	3,415	256,390		1	...		3	8	...	...	2	16	599	134	...	...	13	9	7,628	11,498
	Durrung	3,418	236,009		2	...		6	6	...	...	3	83	724	127	...	4	14	16	9,238	19,810
	Lukhimpore	3,145	121,267		3	...		5	1	...	1	9	55	891	26	...	1	20	4	14,352	33,920
	Sibsagor	2,413	296,589		3	...		8	3	...	2	4	7	1,052	31	...	4	18	9	12,505	30,041
	TOTAL	19,982	1,879,649	1	13	...	1	33	24	...	4	29	521	4,320	420	...	12	94	70	61,150	149,999
Sylhet		5,413	1,754,000	1	4	...	1	7	2	...	2	62	18	3,079	19	...	38	109	11	48,280	50,924
Cachar		1,285	205,027		2	...		7	2	...	...	13	124	1,276	12	...	15	79	23	15,905	28,102
	TOTAL	6,698	1,959,027	1	6	...	1	14	4	...	2	75	142	4,355	31	...	53	188	34	64,185	79,026
	GRAND TOTAL	26,680	3,838,676	2	19	...	2	47	28	...	6	104	663	8,675	451	...	65	282	104	125,335	229,025

Annual Statement—2—(Criminal).

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Province of Assam in the year 1880.

Nomenclature of offences, with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of head of crime.	Number of cases.					Number of persons.				
		Offences reported.	Complaints rejected under Section 147, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
					I.—Offences under the Penal Code.						
Offences against the State.											
Chapter VI. Sections 121 to 130	1	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	—	...
Offences against the Army or Navy.											
„ VII. Sections 131 to 140	2	...	—	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Offences against the public tranquillity.											
„ VIII. Sections 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157, 158. Unlawful assembly	3	124	19	18	87	68	348	83	253	1	11
„ „ „ 147, 148, 152, and 153 to 156. Rioting, &c.	4	290	19	34	237	163	991	127	747	...	117
„ „ Section 160. Affray	5	104	4	5	95	78	270	33	237	...	...
Offences by or relating to public servants.											
„ IX. Sections 161 to 169. By public servants	6	27	5	1	21	21	29	12	14	...	3
„ „ „ 161, 170 and 171. Relating to public servants	7	14	...	2	12	12	19	4	15	...	—
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.											
„ X. Sections 172 to 190	8	293	11	1	281	283	527	145	376	...	6
False evidence and offences against public justice.											
„ XI. Sections 193 to 200. False evidence or subornation, &c., of public servants	9	78	5	...	73	73	97	39	53	...	5
„ „ „ 201 to 229. Offences against public justice.	10	221	10	6	205	193	265	77	175	1	12
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps.											
„ XII. Sections 231 to 254. Offences relating to coin	11	29	—	3	26	17	19	5	3	...	1
„ „ „ 255 to 263. Offences relating to stamps	12	6	...	2	4	5	6	2	4	...	—

		Offences relating to weights and measures.											
	XIII.	Sections 264 to 267	13	19	2	...	17	17	20	9	11	...	...
		Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.											
„	XIV.	Sections 269 to 278. Offences affecting public health	14	45	...	2	43	37	44	10	34	...	...
„	„	„ 279 to 289. Ditto safety	15	48	11	...	37	34	42	12	30	...	...
„	„	„ 290 and 291. Ditto convenience	16	22	6	...	16	15	36	4	32	...	...
„	„	„ 292 to 294. Ditto decency and morals	17	4	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	...	...
„	„	Section 294A. Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery	17 *a*	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Offences relating to religion.											
„	XV.	Sections 295 to 298	18	8	3	1	4	3	6	3	...	...	3
		Offences affecting the human body.											
„	XVI.	Sections 302 and 303. Murder	19	31	1	1	29	28	57	15	17	2	23
„	„	Section 307. Attempt at murder	20	7	...	—	7	7	10	2	6	2	...
„	„	„ 304. Culpable homicide	21	31	...	3	28	26	41	16	16	...	9
„	„	„ 304A. Causing death by rash or negligent act	21*a*	18	1	1	16	12	14	4	10	...	...
„	„	„ 308. Attempt at culpable homicide	22	2	...	...	2	1	1	...	1	...	...
„	„	Sections 305 and 306. Abetment of suicide	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„	„	Section 309. Attempted suicide	24	25	...	1	24	19	19	4	14	1	...
„	„	„ 311. Thuggee, &c.	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„	„	Sections 312 to 315. Causing miscarriage	26	34	1	11	22	7	14	9	4	...	1
„	„	Section 316. Injury to unborn children	27	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
„	„	„ 317. Exposure of infants	28	11	2	3	6	5	7	6	1	...	...
„	„	„ 318. Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body	29	6	2	...	4	3	4	...	4	...	...
„	„	Sections 325 to 331, and 333. Hurt with aggravating circumstances	30	65	7	3	55	46	61	16	40	...	5
„	„	„ 323, 324, 332 and 334 to 338. Other cases	31	933	166	93	671	530	815	164	637	...	14
„	„	Section 341. Wrongful restraint	32	142	57	6	79	52	82	30	52	...	...
„	„	Sections 342 to 348. Wrongful confinement	33	636	199	216	221	124	284	152	124	...	8
„	„	„ 352 to 358. Criminal force or assault	34	6,224	2,333	255	3,636	2,017	2,863	1,098	1,745	...	20
„	„	„ 364, 366, and 367. Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances	35	27	11	6	10	8	23	16	4	...	3
„	„	„ 363, 365, 368, and 369. Other cases	36	80	25	17	38	23	32	18	14	...	...
„	„	„ 370 and 371. Slavery	37	3	1	—	2	2	3	3	...	...	...
„	„	„ 372 and 373. Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	38	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
„	„	Section 374. Forced labour	39	14	11	2	1	1	2	...	2	...	...
„	„	„ 376. Rape	40	51	7	24	20	10	12	7	5	...	...
„	„	„ 377. Unnatural offence	41	21	1	6	14	9	8	3	5	...	...
		Offences against property.											
„	XVII.	Section 382. Theft with aggravating circumstances	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„	„	Sections 379 to 381 and 401. Other cases	43	3,846	771	901	2,174	1,282	2,022	715	1,277	1	29
„	„	„ 386 to 389. Extortion with aggravating circumstances	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Province of Assam in the year 1880—continued.

Nomenclature of offences, with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of head of crime.	Number of cases.					Number of persons				
		Offences reported.	Complaints rejected under Section 147, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
Offences against property—contd.											
Chapter XVII. Sections 384 and 385. Other cases.	45	127	59	19	49	38	60	38	20	...	2
,, ,, Section 394 } Robbery { With hurt	46	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	—	..
,, ,, ,, 392 } Robbery { Other cases	47	2)	6	7	7	3	11	9	...	—	2
,, ,, ,, 393 } Robbery { Attempts	48	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,, ,, 396 } Dacoity { With murder	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,, ,, 397 } Dacoity { With attempt to cause death or grievous hurt	50	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
,, ,, ,, 398 } Dacoity { Attempted robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapons	51	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	..	...
,, ,, Sections 395, 399, 400, and 402 } Dacoity { Other cases	52	9	...	2	7	5	17	5	.	...	12
,, ,, ,, 403 and 404. Criminal misappropriation of property.	53	430	258	13	159	92	112	59	53	...	...
,, ,, ,, 406 to 409. Criminal breach of trust	54	428	171	57	200	130	154	73	76	2	3
,, ,, ,, 411 to 414. Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property	55	237	3	4	230	215	373	111	248	...	14
,, ,, ,, 417 to 420. Cheating	56	406	229	16	161	124	154	86	64	...	4
,, ,, ,, 421 to 424. Fraudulent deeds or disposition of property	57	4	3	...	1	1	3	3	..	...	..
,, ,, ,, 429 to 433 and 435 to 440 } Mischief. { With aggravating circumstances	58	255	60	43	147	73	102	56	40	1	5
,, ,, ,, 426 to 428 and 434 } Mischief. { Other cases	59	1,240	555	102	583	364	557	250	303	..	4
,, ,, ,, 459 and 460 } Criminal trespass. { Resulting in death or grievous hurt	60	7	2	...	5	2	3	.	3	...	...
,, ,, ,, 449 to 452, 454, 455, 457 and 458. } Criminal trespass. { For commission of serious offences	61	946	18	149	779	94	144	54	87	..	3
,, ,, ,, 447, 448, 453, 456, 461 and 462 } Criminal trespass. { Other cases	62	1,143	397	123	623	399	682	261	402	2	17
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks.											
,, XVIII. Sections 465 to 471 and 474. Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers.	63	25	15	...	10	9	18	6	9	...	3
,, ,, ,, 472 to 476. Counterfeiting or making or possessing a counterfeit seal, &c., for purposes of forgery	64	2	..	...	2	2	2	1	1	.	...

„ „	Section 477.	Fraudulently destroying or defacing a will or other document	65	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
„	Sections 482, 486, 487, and 488.	Using a false trade or property mark, and knowingly selling property so marked	66	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	..
„ „ „	483 to 485.	Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die, plate, or instrument for counterfeiting a trade or property mark	67	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	..	...
„ „	Section 489.	Removing, destroying, &c., a trade or property mark with intent to cause injury	68	1	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	—	...
		Criminal breach of contract of service.											
„ XIX.	Sections 490 to 492		69	20	8	...	12	10	23	2	21	...	...
		Offences relating to marriage.											
„ XX.	Sections 493 to 498		70	641	348	29	264	129	163	127	35	...	1
		Defamation.											
„ XXI.	Sections 500 to 502		71	165	83	7	75	42	60	34	25	...	1
		Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance.											
„ XXII.	Section 506.	The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt	72	28	13	..	15	14	33	5	27	...	1
„ „	Sections 504 to 510.	Other cases	73	192	93	6	93	71	102	38	64	..	...
		TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	—	19,872	6,017	2,211	11,644	7,055	11,870	4,064	7,451	13	342
							II.—OFFENCES UNDER SPECIAL AND LOCAL LAWS.						
		Code of Criminal Procedure.											
Chapter XXXVII.	Sections 491, 494, 497.	Security for keeping the peace	74	489	175	14	300	161	441	122	311	1	7
XXXVIII.	„ 504, 505, 506.	Security for good behaviour	75	118	7	13	98	92	138	71	65	...	2
		Other Laws, relating to—											
Abkari Act XXL of 1856			...	78	...	5	73	70	123	20	103	...	—
Arms and Ammunition Act XI of 1878			...	408	1	—	405	404	425	18	405	..	2
Cattle Trespass Act I of 1871			...	818	294	55	469	266	452	226	226	...	...
Code of Civil Procedure, Act X of 1877			...	4	...	...	4	4	4	...	4	...	...
Contract (Workmen) Act XIII of 1859			—	809	115	14	680	481	645	124	515	—	6

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Province of Assam in the year 1880—concld.

Nomenclature of Offences, with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of head of crime.	Number of cases.					Number of persons.				
		Offences reported.	Complaints rejected.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
Other Laws, relating to—contd.											
Emigration (Inland) Act VII of 1873	...	358	24	15	319	251	432	39	390	2	1
Excise Act VII of 1878	...	72	...	1	71	63	79	18	60	...	1
Ferries Act XVII of 1878	...	94	9	...	85	70	82	25	57	...	...
Forests Act VII of 1878	...	46	...	1	45	40	104	21	82	...	1
Gambling Act II of 1867	...	11	...	...	11	10	51	5	46	...	...
53 George III, Chapter 155, Section 106	...	3	...	...	3	1	1	...	1	...	...
Inner Line Regulation I of 1873	...	20	...	...	20	20	82	8	74	..	...
Jail Act II of 1864	...	7	...	...	7	7	7	1	6	...	...
Municipalities Act V of 1876	...	232	...	...	232	232	337	11	325	...	1
Opium Act I of 1878		129	1	5	123	114	166	41	123	2	...
Police District Act V of 1861	...	281	..	...	281	277	377	21	356	...	...
Post Offices Act XIV of 1866	..	14	...	...	14	13	17	2	15	...	...
Registration of Documents Act III of 1877	..	2	...	...	2	2	3	1	2		...
Stamp Act I of 1879	...	182	...	...	182	175	253	23	230	...	...
Treasure Trove Act VI of 1878	...	2	...	...	2	2	4	1	3	...	...
Vagrancy (European) Act IX of 1874	...	2	...	2	..	...	.	...	...		...
Total of Offences under Special Laws	...	4,177	626	125	3,426	2,755	4,223	798	3,399	5	21
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OFFENCES	...	24,049	6,643	2,336	15,070	9,810	16,093	4,862	10,850	18	363

Annual Statement—3—(Criminal).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Province of Assam during 1880.

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS.	TOTAL NUMBER DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR.		DISPOSED OF DURING THE YEAR.			REMARKS
	Cases.	Persons	Cases.	Persons.		
				Discharged.	Convicted.	
1. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XVI, Section 209	108	108	108	1	107	
2. Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter XXVI	2	2	2	2	...	
3. Forfeiture of bail or recognisance under Chapter XXVIII	57	94	57	3	91	
4. Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors—Chapter XXIX, Section 414	17	24	16	3	19	
5. Contempts of Court under Chapter XXXII	30	33	30	..	33	
6. Proceedings under Chapter XXXVII to prevent breach of the peace	224	478	221	122	348	
7. Proceedings under Chapter XXXVIII—Security for good behaviour	99	138	97	71	65	
8. Proceedings against local nuisances—Chapter XXXIX	112	263	110	113	148	
9. Possession—Chapter XL	36	...	35	...	...	
10. Maintenance—Chapter XLI	108	108	108	53	55	
TOTAL	793	1,248	784	368	866	

Annual Statement—4—(Criminal).

Statement showing the general result of Criminal trials in the tribunals of various classes in the Province of Assam in the year 1880.

CLASS OF TRIBUNALS.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.								NUMBER OF CASES.						
	Brought to trial during the year.										Convicted												
	Remaining at the end of the previous year.	Under arrest by Police.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Received on commitment or reference.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Discharged or acquitted.	On regular trial.		On summary trial.		Committed or referred.	Total of columns 11 to 16.	Persons under trial at the end of year.	Brought to trial during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Number of cases disposed of which were tried summarily.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.
											Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.	Appealable sentence passed.	Non appealable sentence passed.									
I.—MAGISTRATES.																							
Village Officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates	Special Magistrate under Section 42	...	...	...	67	..	...	...	67	..	13	54	...	...	...	...	67	...	12	12	...	...	6·8	38
	Honorary Magistrates sitting singly	...	15	52	736	11	...	...	834	...	383	418	29	...	...	...	830	4	442	439	3	...	4·4	1,732
	Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly	19	536	166	679	71	...	...	1,471	1	565	1,701	74	...	...	2	1,615	25	1,043	1,043	9	...	5·9	4,121
	Benches of Magistrates	197	5,869	1,503	4,065	847	...	...	12,491	13	3,439	1 833	3,457	194	2,864	210	12,197	271	7,661	7,632	140	2,743	7·8	31,851
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Section 46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts.	6	...	...	...	...	16	...	22	...	3	6	13	...	...	...	22	...	9	10	...	...	25·8	23
	Under ordinary powers	11	509	165	163	124	1	...	973	...	166	101	2-9	26	336	25	963	10	618	617	6	208	5·9	1,521
	Under special powers under Section 36	1	36	6	3	1	1	...	48	1	11	25	3	...	..	7	46	1	37	36	1	.	9·6	199
	Total	233	6,965	1,894	5,932	1,054	18	...	16,096	15	4,800	3,441	3,865	220	3,200	244	15,770	311	9,821	9,789	159	3,011	7·3	39,315
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																								
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	11	...	...	...	...	222	1	234	3	60	96	17	...	...	7	180	51	111	93	19	...	46·7	699
Judges	Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 30, C. P. C.	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	8	...	1	7	...	...	...	8	...	5	6	...	..	9·5	...
	Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 18, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cases referred by Magistrates under Section 507, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	12	...	...	...	...	229	1	242	3	61	103	17	...	...	7	188	51	116	104	19	...	44·5	699
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																								
High Court	Cases under Sections 64, 75, and 76, C. P. C., and Section 147 High Courts Act	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 263, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
	Ditto ditto under Section 297, C. P. C.	1	...	...	...	...	6	...	7	...	1	...	4	...	..	...	5	1	6	6	1	...	60·0	...
	Total	1	..	.	...	.	6		7	...	1		4		.	...	5	1	6	6	1	...	60·0	...
	GRAND TOTAL	246	6,965	1,894	5,932	1,054	253	1	16,345	18	4 862	3,544	3,886	220	3,200	251	15,963	363	9,943	9,899	279	3,011	77	40,014

Annual Statement—5—(Criminal).

Statement showing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction in the year 1880.

| CLASS OF TRIBUNAL. | PERSONS SENTENCED TO | | | | | | | | | | | PERSONS ORDERED TO FIND OR GIVE | | | PERSONS IMPRISONED IN DEFAULT OF SECURITY FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR. | | DETAIL OF PUNISHMENT. | | | | | | | | | | |

Annual Statement—6—(Criminal).

Statement showing the result of Appeal and Revision in Criminal Cases in the Province of Assam during the year 1880.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.		Number of persons.												Number of cases			Remarks.
		Total number of appellants and applicants for revision, including pending from previous year.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or order otherwise altered.	Reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Referred to the High Court for revision.	Total whose cases were disposed of, including cases in columns 4 to 11.	Remaining at the end of the year.	Preferred during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	
APPEALS																	
To	From																
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	168	...	10	92	13	30	18	3	1	..	167	1	104	104	1	
Courts of Session	Magistrates	506a	...	127	195	1	52	82	1	7	...	465	37	282	282	17	(a) The appeal of four persons was withdrawn.
	Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts	By persons convicted — Presidency Magistrates	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..		...	...	...	..	...	
	By persons convicted — Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 36, C. P. C.	21	...	13	4	...	...	1	...	...		18	3	15	13	3	
	By persons convicted — Sessions Judges	73		45	14	...	..	7	...	2	...	68	5	54	52	5	
	By Government from judgments of acquittal, Section 272 — All Courts	...	.	...		...	...	...	...	.	...		...	...	...	...	
	Total	768	...	195	305	14	82	108	4	10	...	718	46	455	451	26	
REVISION																	
By	Of order of																
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	161	...	98	..	...	...	...	...	43	27	158	3	139	138	3	
Courts of Session	Magistrates	645	...	45	..	...	...	...	...	2	9	56	7	48	44	5	(b) The application of one person was withdrawn.
High Court (cases referred for orders under Section 296).	Magistrates	37	...	...	7	4	..	13	.	5	.	29	8	16	13	4	
High Court (cases dealt with under Section 294).	Magistrates	31	...	21	...	...	...	6	1	3		31	...	12	14	..	
	Courts of Session	11	...	9	..	...	1	1	..	...	...	11	...	3	3	...	
	Total	304	...	163	7	4	1	20	1	53	36	285	18	218	212	12	
	Grand Total	1,072	...	358	312	18	83	128	5	63	36	1,003	64	773	663	38	

Annual Statement—7—(Criminal).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Criminal Courts in the Province of Assam in the year 1880.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed, distinguishing Criminal from Civil Courts.	Established or average number of Jurors or Assessors in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			Remarks.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 263, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 263, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors.	
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter XXXIX, C. P. C. . . Jurors .	Five Jurors ...	72	...	72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	All offences, including abetment and attempts, falling under Chapters VIII, XI, XVI, XVII, and XVIII of the Indian Penal Code are tried by Jury in the Assam Valley Districts. Other cases in these districts, and all cases in Sylhet and Cachar are tried with the aid of Assessors.
Courts of Session . . Jurors .	Five Jurors and two Assessors; qualifications as described in Chapter XXIX, Code of Criminal Procedure ...	23	65	20	1	2	...	8	51	9	5	
Courts of Session . . Assessors .												
Total . .	...	95	65	92	1	2	...	8	51	9	5	